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SUBJECT: MEXICAN NOTE ON "AMERICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEE"

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE NO. 504022 DATED APRIL 13, 1976, FROM SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, CONCERNING SO-CALLED AMERICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEE. ENCLOSED WITH NOTE ARE ABRIDGED TRANSCRIPTS OF TV INTERVIEWS ON SUBJECT. COPIES OF NOTE AND ENCLOSURES BEING POUCHED. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

"QUOTE THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ATTENTIVELY SALUTES THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO DELIVER A RESUME OF TWO INTERVIEWS TRANSMITTED BY CHANNEL 11 TELEVISION (KKTU) OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ON APRIL 7 AND 8. QUOTE THE INTERVIEWS WERE WITH A MASKED INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE BELONGED TO A GROUP CALLED "AMERICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEE". IN THE SECOND INTERVIEW, THERE PARTICIPATED IN ADDITION A MR. KELLER, WHO WAS INTRODUCED AS A UNITED STATES FEDERAL ATTORNEY. QUOTE THE ACCOMPANYING TEXT REVEALS THAT IN BOTH INTERVIEWS, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO ACTS WHICH, IF THE SECRETARIAT UNDERSTANDS CORRECTLY, CONSTITUTE CRIMES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THERE WAS DISCUSSED WITH CERTAIN DETAIL THE PREPARATION OF OTHER CRIMES TO BE COMMITTED IN MEXICAN TERRITORY. AT THE SAME TIME, CERTAIN CONNECTIONS WERE ALLUDED TO WHICH THE 'AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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ESCAPE COMMITTEE' WOULD HAVE WITH 'A GROUP WHICH IS

AGAINST THE POLICY OF ECHEVERRIA (PRI)', TO WHICH IT
WOULD SUPPLY ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.

QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO CONSIDERS THAT THE
GRAVITY OF SUCH STATEMENTS REQUIRES A METICULOUS INVEST-
IGATION ON THE PART OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

QUOTE THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE OBLIGED TO THE EMBASSY IF
IT WILL COMMUNICATE THE PRECEEDING TO ITS GOVERNMENT AND
TO MAKE KNOWN, AS WELL, THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF MEXICO IN BEING INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THE
INVESTIGATION UNQUOTE.

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